

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A swage collar apparatus for sealing a connection of a fastener through a composite assembly of workpieces together and for preventing leakage through the connection, the fastener including a shaft having an externally threaded or grooved section, the swage collar apparatus comprising:

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a unitary, hollow, generally cylindrical swage collar adapted to be disposed over the shaft of the fastener, said unitary, hollow, generally cylindrical swage collar having a main body portion with a main central bore, and a base portion with an internal shoulder formed in the main central bore so as to form a seal receiving guide, the internal shoulder having a diameter that is larger than the diameter of the main central bore, the base portion having a flat even surface adapted to contact said assembly of workpieces; and

an internal sealing insert adapted to be tightly sealed entirely in the swage collar in engagement with the fastener when installed on said composite assembly of workpieces.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Previously presented) The swage collar apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the base portion is flared outward, having an external diameter larger than the main central bore, and wherein said internal sealing insert is flush with said base portion when installed on said composite assembly of workpieces.